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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

ATTENTION :

Special Assistant to the DDS

SUBJECT :

Security Aspects of H.R. 5404

1. In response to your request, we have reviewed H.R. 5404, the accompanying committee report, and the comments of the Associate General Counsel. The bill, as drafted, would apply to a substantial number of grants and contracts negotiated by the Office of Logistics, as well as the Deputy Director for Science and Technology (DDS&T).

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2. There is no requirement at present to segregate and collect data specifically limited to that portion of contracts and grants devoted to the "conduct of scientific research, including both basic and applied but excluding development." If the Agency is not exempted from the reporting requirements of the bill, it will be necessary to establish a procedural system for the extraction and collection of the information from each Agency source negotiating grants and contracts within the area covered by Section 3(a)(6).

3. Considering the risk of criticism and notoriety, which may stem from seeking exemptions from the bill, we believe the best course is to provide feeder information requested by the National Science Foundation with appropriate classification. Since this is a problem of general concern, we suggest that it would also be well to obtain the viewpoint of the DDS&T and the Office of Security.

Signed:


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